

Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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Parking Issues

We have recently seen an increase in complaints about parking at a number of locations across Heald Green ward. This reflects a wider problem across the whole of borough where people are failing to behave in a respectful way.

The **police** and the **council** have different responsibilities with regard to parking issues. This is under review and there may change in the future. Specific rules and regulations determine whether officers from the council and the police can intervene. Unfortunately, they won't always be able to intervene. Also, resources are stretched to capacity.

The council can respond when vehicles are parked where there are restrictions, including over drives and dropped kerbs. You can report it online at: www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement

This is a live site that is monitored, so it is really important to report it straight away if you do see any illegal parking. The information submitted helps officers identify hot spot areas.

The police can also respond, but only in certain circumstances. For example if a person has blocked a driveway and is preventing the resident from getting their own vehicle out, this can be reported [here](#).

There is more information about what the police can and can't do [here](#). They can respond to illegal parking, if the vehicle is parked causing an obstruction:

- blocking pavements
- on zig zag lines
- due to dangerous parking
- that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing

They can be reported online [here](#). Again, it is important to get issues recorded to help illustrate problem areas in police statistics.